

## **Community Based Organization (CBO) Missouri Service-Learning Partner Recognition**

**CBO Defined** – a community based organization, public or private nonprofit (including a church or religious entity) that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community, and is engaged in meeting human, educational, environmental, or public safety community needs. *CNCS Learn and Serve America General Grant Provisions, May 2000*

**Service-Learning Defined** - School-based service-learning combines meaningful service to the community with classroom studies in a way that improves student learning and strengthens the community. Students work in collaboration with community members, teachers, and classmates to meet real community needs, while applying core concepts from the regular classroom curriculum. Students develop responsibility and citizenship while increasing academic achievement.

**Service-Learning vs. Community Service** – Service-Learning differs from community service because it not only combines academic learning outcomes with the service, but also follows a process including planning and preparation, action, reflection, evaluation and celebration.

**Purpose of Service-Learning Partnership** – Teaching youth about needs within our community will enhance their understanding of community problems. By involving youth in CBO services, the youth will develop an ethic of service and the desire to make a positive impact on our world, today and in the future.

### **Benefits of CBO Partner Recognition:**

- An increased networking opportunity with other agencies supporting Service-Learning
- A increased partnership with K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and local youth organizations using Service-Learning methodology
- A greater opportunity to fulfill your agency's mission by utilizing youth as volunteers
- Visibility in the community as a Service-Learning Partner
- Recognition as a partner through the Service-Learning state-wide newsletter

**Certificate of Partnership** - A CBO may become a Missouri Service-Learning Partner in recognition for their understanding of Service-Learning and involvement in assisting with or promoting Service-Learning in local school districts, colleges, universities, or with youth in their community. All partners will receive a Service-Learning window decal for display in their agency and a certificate of appreciation from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Service-Learning Program.

**Application Process** - Print and complete the appropriate Recognition Application. If you are currently in a partnership, mail the **Partnership Form** to the contact at the school, college, university, or youth organization with which you work. Said entity will endorse your partnership and submit the application to the Service-Learning Program at the address below. If you wish to support the initiative with your intent to partner, simply complete and sign the **Intent Form** and return it to the address below.

### **Submit the CBO application to:**

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